

**Category #29:**

Cleaning products should be non-combustible below 150 degrees F.

**State Response:**

This is a stated criterion in the OGS guidelines. Canada's Environmental Choice allows a flash point above 61degrees C (142 degrees F). According to Green Seal criterion, undiluted products are not to be combustible and the product or product ingredients should have a flashpoint above 150degrees F, as tested using ASTM or ISO test methods.

**Frequently Asked Public Comment:**

Not Combustible Below 150°F

--Should not be combustible below 150°F (Apply to Tier I Products).

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--Under Section II: Characteristics of Green Cleaning Products:

5. Add "flammable" (flash point > 140°F) - this is a criteria in the Green Seal draft "Environmental Standard for Cleaning Services" for environmentally preferable cleaning products, supplies and equipment.

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--For specifications regarding Characteristics of Green Cleaning Products, (Section II of the proposal), we urge that the following additional criteria be added\*:

The product shall be non flammable (see GS-37 standard for combustibility).

\* See Healthy Schools Network's Guide to Healthier Cleaning and Maintenance: Practices and Policies for Schools, page 5.

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